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ABBREVIATIONS:

A Assistant Clergy; AAD Assistant Area Dean; AC Associate Priest/Minister; AD Area Dean; AM Assistant Minister; AR Associate Rector; AV Associate Vicar; AYO Area Youth Officer, BMO Bishop's Mission Order; BP Bishop; CA Church Army; CIC Curate in Charge; CHP Chaplain; EVN Evangelist; HT Head Teacher; LLM Licensed Lay Minister; MCD Minister of Conventional District; MIC Minister in Charge; PEV Provincial Episcopal Visitor; PIC Priest in Charge; PP Public Preacher; R Rector; RD Rural Dean; Rdes Rector designate; RDR Reader; PTO Permission to Officiate; RES Residuary Canon; Sr Sister, TM Team Ministry; TR Team Rector; TV Team Vicar; V Vicar; Vdes Vicar designate; WDN Warden.



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“God speaks in the silence of the heart.
Listening is the beginning of prayer.”

(Mother Teresa)

- Wed 1** **Calendar of Saints: David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601**
Pray for: Cranham Park (St Luke) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Kevin Barnard (AC), Jenny Heinink (AC), Ken Perkins (AC), Neil Barrett (A).
Pray for: *The Diocese of North Queensland (The Anglican Church of Australia)*
- Thu 2** **Calendar of Saints: Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672**
Pray for: Gidea Park (St Michael) Clergy: Daniel Kirk (V).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Raiwind (The [United] Church of Pakistan)*
- Fri 3** **World Day of Prayer**
Ember Day
Pray for: Harold Hill (St George) Clergy: Nathan Joss-Pothen (V).
 Harold Hill (St Paul) Clergy: Richard Power (V).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Rajasthan (The [United] Church of North India)*
- Sat 4** **Ember Day**
Pray for: *The Diocese of Rayalaseema (The [United] Church of South India)*
- Sun 5** **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
Pray that we will daily continue to listen to God and look for his purpose in our lives during this holy season of Lent.
Pray for: *the Church of the Province of South East Asia*

Sun 28 PENTECOST

ANGLICAN COMMUNION SUNDAY

Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people, and grant us: a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service; that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come: through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Pray for: *The Extra-Provincial Churches.*

- Mon 29** **Pray for:** Shenfield (St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).
 St Mary's School: Sally Taggart (HT).

South Weald (St Peter)
 Clergy: Jane Bradbury (PIC).

St Peter's School: Iain Gunn (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Western Tanganyika (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

- Tue 30** **Calendar of Saints: Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906**
Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431
Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933

Pray for: Warley (Christ Church) and Great Warley (St Mary)
 Clergy: Stuart Hull (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Tarime (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

- Wed 31** **VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH**

Pray for: The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Brentwood.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Tasmania (The Anglican Church of Australia)*

Wed 24 **Calendar of Saints: John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788**
Pray for: Ingrave (St Nicholas) Clergy: Paul Hamilton (R).
 Ingrave (St Stephen) Clergy: Paul Hamilton (R).
 Ingrave Johnstone School: James Rogers (HT).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Tamale (The Church of the Province of West Africa)*

Thu 25 **Calendar of Saints: The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735**
Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709
Pray for: Hutton (All Saints and St Peter)
 Clergy: Andy Smith (AD, R), Tony Baxter (AC), Sue Goldsmith (A), Alice Smith (A), Lisa Whymark (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Tino To.
 All Saints School: Jeanette Manookian (HT).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Tanga (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

Fri 26 **Calendar of Saints: Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988**
John Calvin, Reformer, 1564
Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595
Pray for: Ingatestone (St Edmund and St Mary) w Fryerning (St Mary Virgin)
 Clergy: Lee Francis-Dehqani (PIC) Sally Croft (A).
 Licensed Lay Minister: Tim Lee.
 Ingatestone & Fryerning Junior School: Neil Taggart (HT).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Central Tanganyika (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

Sat 27 **Calendar of Saints: Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089**
Pray for: *The Diocese of South West Tanganyika (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

Mon 6 **Pray for:** Harold Wood (St Peter)
 Clergy: Robert Hudson (V), Andrew Bellis (A).
 Hornchurch (St Andrew) Clergy: Ken Wylie (AD, V), Lisa Bewick (AC)
 Marianne Hayward (A), Mark Smeed (A).
 Licensed Lay Minister: Carole Sherratt.
Pray for: *The Diocese of Recife (Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil)*

Tue 7 **Calendar of Saints: Perpetua, Felicity and Companions, Martyrs, 203**
Pray for: Hornchurch (Holy Cross)
 Clergy: Julian Patching (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Donatus Nwobi.
 Hornchurch (St Nicholas) [Elm Park]
 Clergy: Amanda Keighley (V), Tom Keighley (AC).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Rejaf (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)*

Wed 8 **Calendar of Saints: Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910**
Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647
Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929
Pray for: Squirrels Heath (All Saints) [Ardleigh Green]
 Clergy: Chris Wragg (V).
 North Ockenden (St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: Marion Williams (PIC).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Remo (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])*

Thu 9 **Ember Day**
Pray for: Rainham (St Helen & St Giles) w Wennington (St Mary & St Peter)
 Clergy: Elise Peterson (V), David Stainer (AC).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Renk (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)*

Fri 10 **Ember Day**
Pray for: South Hornchurch (St John & St Matthew)
 Clergy: Kevin Browning (V).
 Collier Row (The Ascension) Clergy: Alexandra Guest (PIC).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Rhode Island (The Episcopal Church)*

Sat 11 Ember Day

Pray for: The Diocese of Rift Valley (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)

Sun 12 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace (Common Worship: Times and Seasons, 2006)

Pray for: The Church of South India (United)

Mon 13 *Pray for:* Collier Row (The Good Shepherd) Clergy: David Hague (V), Keith Turner (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Kerry Shipley.

Pray for: The Diocese of Rio de Janeiro (Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil)

Tue 14 *Pray for:* Collier Row (St James) w Havering-atte-Bower (St John the Evangelist.) Clergy: David Anderton (V), Geoff Clarke (A).

Dame Tipping School: Alice Larkman (Exec HT), Stella McCarthy (Head of School).

Pray for: The Diocese of Rio Grande (The Episcopal Church)

Wed 15 *Pray for:* Romford (St Alban) Clergy: Roderick Hingley (V).

Romford (St Augustine of Canterbury) Clergy: Martin Howse (V).

Pray for: The Diocese of Riverina (The Anglican Church of Australia)

Thu 16 *Pray for:* Romford (St Andrew [& St Agnes]) Clergy: Beth Joss-Pothen (PIC).

Pray for: The Diocese of Rochester (UK) (The Church of England)

Fri 17 Calendar of Saints: Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460

Pray for: Romford (St Edward the Confessor) Clergy: David Simpson (Vicar), David Perry (AC).

St Edward's CE Academy: Jodie Hassan (HT).

St Edward's CE Primary School: Mr Chris Speller (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Rochester [USA] (The Episcopal Church)

Sat 20 Calendar of Saints: Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

Pray for: Te Pihopatanga o Tai Tokerau (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Sun 21 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please pray for the ministry of the Actors Church Union, and everyone involved in the local theatre and entertainment industry in our Diocese.

Pray for: the Church in the Province of the West Indies

Mon 22 Calendar of Saints: Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

Pray for: Brentwood (St Thomas) Clergy: Mark North (V), Matthew Austen (A). Licensed Lay Ministers: Lesley Lynn, Carolyn Robertson.

St Thomas' Infant School: Dean Moran (Exec. HT).

St Thomas' Junior School: Dean Moran (HT).

Becket Keys School: Andy Scott-Evans (HT).

Brentwood School: Adrian McConnaughie (CHP).

Doddinghurst All Saints Clergy: Ann Coleman (PIC), John Biddulph (A).

Doddinghurst Junior School: Russell Davies (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Taita-Taveta (The Anglican Church of Kenya)

Tue 23 *Pray for:* East and West Horndon (St Francis) w Little Warley (St Peter) and Childerditch (All Saints & St Faith) Clergy: Vacancy (R).

Margaretting (St Margaret) w Mountnessing (St Giles) and Buttsbury (St Mary) Clergy: Lee Francis-Dehqani (PIC), Sally Croft (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Timothy Lee.

Margaretting School: Melissa Taylor (Head Teacher).

Mountnessing School: Holly Obank (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Taiwan (The Episcopal Church)

Tue 16 **Calendar of Saints: Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877**
Rogation Day
Pray for: Walthamstow (St Peter-in-the-Forest)
 Clergy: Vacancy (V). Licensed Lay Ministers: Bernard Eaton, Sally Johnson.
 Walthamstow (St Saviour) Clergy: Salvador Telen (V).
 St Saviour's CE School: Amir Lemouchi (Executive HT), Emma Cherry (HT).
 The Retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Waltham Forest.
Pray for: *The Diocese of Swaziland (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)*

Wed 17 **Pray for: The Bradwell Episcopal Area:**
Rogation Day
 Area Bishop: Vacancy. Archdeacon of Chelmsford: Vacancy; Archdeacon of Southend: Mike Power. Area Advisers: CMD Adviser -Andy Griffiths; SSM Adviser - Kate Moore; Women's Advisers: Timnat Emmanuel (Chelmsford Archdeaconry), Marion Walford (Southend Archdeaconry); Liturgical Adviser: Barry Johnson.
Pray for: *The Diocese of Sydney (The Anglican Church of Australia)*

Thu 18 **ASCENSION DAY**
 THY KINGDOM COME
Pray for: The Deanery of Brentwood
 Area Dean: Andy Smith. Lay Chair: Paul Betts.
 Chaplain: Adrian McConnaughie, Brentwood School.
Pray for: *The Diocese of Tabora (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

Fri 19 **Calendar of Saints: Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Monastic Reformer, 988**
Pray for: Bentley Common (St Paul) w Kelvedon Hatch (St Nicholas) and Navestock (St Thomas) Clergy: Julie Hardy (PIC), John Biddulph (A).
 St Paul's School: Louise Putt (HT).
 Brentwood (St George) Clergy: Jane Bradbury (PIC).
Pray for: *Te Pihopatanga o Tairawhiti (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)*

Sat 18 **Calendar of Saints: Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386**
Pray for: *The Diocese of Rockhampton (The Anglican Church of Australia)*

Sun 19 **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)**
Pray for mothers everywhere, give thanks for their love and devotion, and pray, too, for the work of the Mothers' Union and the Women's Institute and all who work untiringly to maintain the values of the home and family life.
Pray for: *The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

Mon 20 **Calendar of Saints: JOSEPH OF NAZARETH (transferred from the 19 March) Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687**
Pray for: Upminster (St Laurence)
 Clergy: Susannah Brasier (R), Roy Murray (AC).
 Noak Hill (St Thomas) Clergy: David Anderton (PIC).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Rokon (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)*

Tue 21 **Calendar of Saints: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop, Reformation Martyr, 1556**
Pray for: Beam Park and Orchard Village
 Clergy: Carolyn Gilmore (Lead Minister), Mark Gilmore (Lead Minister)
 The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Havering.
Pray for: *The Diocese of Rorya (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

Wed 22 **The Deanery of Newham**
 Area Dean: Dave Chesney. Lay Chair: Shirley Biro.
 Assistant Area Deans: Cornelius Henry, Merrin Playle.
 Chaplain: James Grenfell (Whipps Cross University NHS Trust).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Ruaha (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

Thu 23 **Pray for:** East Ham Holy Trinity Team Ministry (St Mary, St Bartholomew, St Alban Upton Park, St Edmund) Clergy: Susan Lucas (TR), Saulo de Barros (AC), John King (A).
 East Ham (St George and St Ethelbert) Clergy: David Haokip (V).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Ziwa (Lake) Rukwa (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

Fri 24 **Calendar of Saints: Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396**

Paul Couturier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953

Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980

Pray for: East Ham (St Paul)

Clergy: Merrin Playle (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Keith Bone.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Rumbek*

(The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)

Sat 25 **THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Pray for: *The Diocese of Rumonge (The Anglican Church of Burundi)*

Sun 26 **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSIONTIDE BEGINS)**

Father, help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by his love, and guide us by his example. Amen.

Pray for: *The Anglican Church of South America*

Mon 27 **Pray for:** Forest Gate (All Saints)

Clergy: Jeremy Fraser (PIC), Fred Ashford-Okai (AC).

Forest Gate (Emmanuel w St Peter Upton Cross)

Clergy: Chigor Chike (V), Ajennie Subaran (A).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Rupert's Land (The Anglican Church of Canada)*

Tue 28 **Pray for:** Forest Gate (St Mark) Clergy: Ben King (V).

Forest Gate (St Saviour and St James)

Clergy: Cornelius Henry (R), Janetta Brathwaite (A).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Rutana (The Anglican Church of Burundi)*

Wed 29 **Pray for:** Little Ilford (St Barnabas) Clergy: Revd Robert Ryan (V).

Manor Park [Little Ilford] (St Michael and All Angels, St Mary the Virgin)

Clergy: Lee Taylor (R).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Ruvuma (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

Fri 12 **Calendar of Saints: Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952**

Pray for: Walthamstow (St Mary, St Gabriel, St Luke)

Clergy: Vanessa Conant (TR), Andrew Stewart (TV), Alan Moss (AC), David Edmondson (A). Licensed Lay Ministers: Robert Duddridge, Helen Miller.

St Mary's CE Primary School: Joe Pitchford (Acting HT).

Walthamstow (St Andrew) [Higham Hill Ecumenical Partnership]

Clergy: Stella Olukanmi (PIC), Hilda Gilbert (AC).

Walthamstow (St Barnabas w St James the Greater)

Clergy: Salvador Telen (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Sunyani (The Church of the Province of West Africa)*

Sat 13 **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Sur (Igreja Anglicana de Chile)*

Sun 14 **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Christian Aid Week begins. God of the impossible, we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. And when the challenges seem too many, remind us of your resurrection power, and the miracles of your love that happen whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace.

Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as if it might do so today.

Amen

(Prayer for Christian Aid)

Pray for: *The Church of the Province of West Africa*

Mon 15 **Calendar of Saints: MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE (transferred from 14th May) Rogation Day**

Pray for: Walthamstow (St John) Clergy: Kieran Bush (V).

Walthamstow (St Michael & All Angels) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Swansea & Brecon (The Church in Wales)*

Sat 6 Coronation of King Charles III

Pray for: *The Reformed Episcopal of Spain*
(Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

Sun 7 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please pray for the House of Retreat at Pleshey, for all those who work and minister there, for the Friends of Pleshey, and for those who visit or stay.

Pray for: *the Church in Wales*

Mon 8 Calendar of Saints: Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417

Pray for: Harrow Green (Holy Trinity, St Augustine of Hippo)
 Clergy: Polly Kersys-Hull (V).

Highams Park (All Saints)

Clergy: Malcolm Porter (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Mick Holloway.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Spokane (The Episcopal Church)*

Tue 9 Pray for: Leyton (St Mary w St Edward & St Luke)

Clergy: Alexander Gordon (PIC), Mark Nelson (A), Steven Opie (A).

Leyton (All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Springfield (The Episcopal Church)*

Wed 10 Pray for: Leyton (Christ Church) Clergy: Philip Brentford (V).

Leyton (Emmanuel) Clergy: Ade Ademola (V), Eileen Rose (A).

Leyton (St Catherine and St Paul) Clergy: William Donoghue (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Port Sudan*
(Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan)

Thu 11 Pray for: Leytonstone (St Andrew)

Clergy: Paul Kennington (PIC), Jane Richards (AC), Sarah Moss (A).

Leytonstone (St John the Baptist)

Clergy: David Britton (V), Pervaiz Khan (AC), Elizabeth Blackham (A).

Leytonstone (St Margaret w St Columba) Clergy: Neil-Allen Walsh (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Sul-Ocidental (South Western)*
(Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil)

Thu 30 Pray for: North Woolwich (St John w Silvertown)
 Clergy: Jeremy Fraser (V), Emeka Ejinkonye (AC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Ruwenzori*
(The Church of the Province of Uganda)

Fri 31 Calendar of Saints: John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631

Pray for: West Ham (St Matthew)
 Clergy: Vacancy (V), James Child (AC), Andrew Holt (AC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of East Ruwenzori*
(The Church of the Province of Uganda)

April

Sat 1 **Calendar of Saints: Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872**
Pray for: The Diocese of South Rwenzori (The Province of Uganda)

Sun 2 **PALM SUNDAY**
Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph of this day, receiving the shouts and welcome of many. Come into our Churches today. Receive our welcomes and our acclaim.

Come to rule in the hearts and minds of all who lead us and help us all to go out and proclaim you as King over all the world.
Pray for: The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Mon 3 **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
Pray for: Stratford (St John w Christ Church) Clergy: Young Lee (V), Daniel Scott (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Iris Bryzak.
Stratford (St Paul) and (St James) Clergy: Ivo Anderson (V).
St James' Junior School: Rose Boland-Bourne (HT).
Pray for: The Diocese of Sabah (The Church of the Province of South East Asia)

Tue 4 **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**
Pray for: Victoria Docks (The Ascension)
Clergy: Dave Chesney (V), Rebecca Rogers (AC), Oyinlade Oladipo (A).
Victoria Docks (St Luke)
Clergy: Amy Stott (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Carole Davison.
St Luke's School: Matt Hipperson (HT).
Pray for: The Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

May

Mon 1 **Calendar of Saints: PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**
Pray for: Woodford Bridge (St Paul)
Clergy: Ola Franklin (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Mac Leonard.
Pray for: The Diocese of Sokoto (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Tue 2 **Calendar of Saints: Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373**
Pray for: Woodford Wells (All Saints & St Andrew)
Clergy: Paul Harcourt (V), Mark Castleton (AC), Malcolm Porter (AC), David Baker (A), Marcus Giddy (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Les Crossland.
The Retired Clergy, Readers and ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Redbridge.
Pray for: The Diocese of Central Solomons (The Anglican Church of Melanesia)

Wed 3 **The Deanery of Waltham Forest**
Area Dean: Vanessa Conant. Lay Chair: Vevet Deer.
Chaplain: David Wilson (Chigwell School).
Pray for: The Diocese of Soroti (The Church of The Province of Uganda)

Thu 4 **Calendar of Saints: English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era**
Pray for: Chingford (St Peter and St Paul, All Saints) Clergy: Justin Anthony (R), Hilary Musker (AC), Marilyn Claydon (A), Katherine Ward (A).
Chingford CE Primary School: Lindsey Lampard (HT).
Pray for: The Diocese of Southwark (The Church of England)

Fri 5 *Pray for:* Chingford (St Anne) Clergy: Jude Bullock (V), Mick Scotchmer (AC).
Chingford (St Edmund) Clergy: Lesley Goldsmith (V).
Pray for: The Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham (The Church of England)

Fri 28 **Calendar of Saints: Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841**

Woodford (St Mary w St Philip and St James)
Clergy: Elizabeth Lowson (R). Licensed Lay Minister: Mark Lewis.

Pray for: The Diocese of Sittwe (The Church of the Province of Myanmar)

Sat 29 **Calendar of Saints: Catherine of Sienna, Teacher of the Faith, 1380**

Pray for: The Diocese of Sodor & Man (The Church of England)

Sun 30 **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Today is Vocations Sunday. We give thanks to God that he calls us all to varieties of forms of service in his Church and in the world and pray for openness to his Holy Spirit, that each of us may discern the call of God upon our lives. "Christ, you call us to be your people in the world.

We will follow your call to be our people: our hands will do your work, our feet will walk your way. Christ, you call us. Help us respond to your call."

Pray for: The Episcopal Church

Wed 5 **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

Pray for: West Ham (All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Al Gordon (AC), Simon Nicholls (AC), Robin Talbot (A).

West Ham Church Primary School: Nicola James (HT).

Beckton (St Mark) Clergy: Peter Ngugi (PIC).

Pray for: The Diocese of Saldanha Bay (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)

Thu 6 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Pray for: Canning Town (St Matthias)

Clergy: Amy Stott (PIC), Raquel Moreira (A).

Plaistow (St Martin) Clergy: Saulo de Barros (Lead Minister).

Pray for: The Diocese of Salisbury (The Church of England)

Fri 7 **GOOD FRIDAY**

Pray for: Plaistow (St Philip, St James, St Mary)

Clergy: David Hoyte (V), Christopher Oladuji (AC).

Crossway Stratford (BMO)

Clergy: Jamie Child (Minister in Charge), Andrew Holt (AC)

Pray for: The Diocese of El Salvador (Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America)

Sat 8 **EASTER EVE**

Pray for: The Diocese of Sambalpur (The [United] Church of North India)

Sun 9 **EASTER DAY**

"The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake."

Basil C. Hume

Pray for: the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan



An Easter message from Bishop Guli

One of the most famous post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus is his meeting with two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two of them are downcast as they talk about all that has happened in the preceding days, and they relate this to the unknown traveller who joins them. The friend and teacher in whom they had invested so much had been taken away from them, and his band of followers had broken up in defeat.

But Jesus unpacks Scripture for them and when he breaks bread for them, their eyes are opened, and they suddenly recognise him. The encounter is so transformative that they rush back to Jerusalem to find the eleven: “Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of bread” (Luke 24: 13-35).

Many Christians today still have similar experiences. We meet with Christ when we dwell in the Scriptures, when we meet with one another, and when we break bread together. But there are also times when, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we fail to recognise Jesus even when he is walking alongside us.

Do we see him in the face of the person with whom we profoundly disagree, or the face of someone completely different to us?

Do we treat one another as if we are meeting with Christ? What the story of the encounter on the road to Emmaus expresses is our need of one another and the importance of travelling well together. The very word ‘companion’ has its meaning in the Old French ‘compaignon’, literally ‘one who breaks bread with another’.

The Christian journey is not one that we can undertake alone, but only with God and with one another. Through God’s grace, we are part of one body and each part of that body needs the other. It is together that we are sent out to love and serve the world, together that we build the kingdom of God, in the name of our risen Lord.

We praise and bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,

for you breathed new life into your astonished disciples.

As you turned unutterable grief into unshakeable joy,

so renew and refresh your turbulent world and establish now your reign of peace.

To you, Lord Jesus,

transforming the pain of death into the fullness of life,

be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Fri 21 **Calendar of Saints: Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109**

Pray for: Great Ilford (St Luke) Clergy: John Brown (V), Bridget de Mello (AC).
Great Ilford (St Mary) Clergy: Gareth Jones (V), Jacob Kyei-Baffour (AC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Shinyanga (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

Sat 22 **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Upper Shire
The Church of The Province of Central Africa*

Sun 23 **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Please pray for followers of other faiths, that there may be discussion and understanding between all of God’s people.

Pray for: *the Church of the Province of Uganda*

Mon 24 **Calendar of Saints: GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND, C.304 (transferred from 23 April)**

Pray for: Hainault (St Paul)

Clergy: Sarah Clarke-Moisley (AC, Lead Minister).
Licensed Lay Minister: Ellen Hunt.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Shyira (Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda)*

Tue 25 **Calendar of Saints: MARK THE EVANGELIST**

Pray for: South Woodford (Holy Trinity, Hermon Hill) Clergy: Abi Todd (V), Jonathan Huff (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Leslie Crossland.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Shyogwe (Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda)*

Wed 26 **Pray for:** Wanstead (St Mary w Christ Church)

Clergy: James Gilder (PIC), Olive Thursby (A).

Wanstead Church School: Natalie Denchfield (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Sialkot (The [United]Church of Pakistan)*

Thu 27 **Calendar of Saints: Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894**

Pray for: Woodford Green (St Barnabas) Clergy: William Obedoza (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Singapore
(The Church of the Province of South East Asia)*

Fri 14 FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Pray for: Barkingside (St Cedd) Clergy: Paul Harcourt (PIC).

Barkingside (St Francis) Clergy: Michael Bradley (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Saskatoon (The Anglican Church of Canada)*

Sat 15 SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Pray for: *The Diocese of Sebei (The Church of the Province of Uganda)*

Sun 16 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pray for those who today still risk all to proclaim their faith in an often hostile world. Remember all Christians who struggle to maintain their freedom to worship.

Pray for: *the Anglican Church of Tanzania*

Mon 17 Calendar of Saints: Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012

Pray for: Barkingside (St George) Clergy: Benjamin Wallis (V)

Barkingside (St Laurence) Clergy: Chris Burrows (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Sekondi (The Church of the Province of West Africa)*

Tue 18 **Pray for: Goodmayes (All Saints) Clergy: Ade Eleyae (V).**

Goodmayes (St Paul) Clergy: Janet Buchan (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Seoul (The Anglican Church of Korea)*

Wed 19 **Pray for: Great Ilford (St Margaret of Antioch, St Clement)**

Clergy: Stephen Pugh (V).

Great Ilford (St Alban) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Seychelles (The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean)*

Thu 20 **Pray for: Great Ilford (St Andrew)**

Clergy: Marie Segal (V), Hayley Morris (AC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Sheffield (The Church of England)*

Mon 10 MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Pray for: Christchurch Three Mills (BMO) Clergy: Dan Scott (Lead Minister) Church E20

The Retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Newham.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Santiago (Chile) (Iglesia Anglicana de Chile)*

Tue 11 TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK**The Deanery of Redbridge**

Area Dean: Martyn Hawkes. Lay Chair: Philip Carnelley. Philip Wright (Barking, Havering & Redbridge Hospital NHS Trust); Marie Segal (Workplace Chaplain Ilford), Martyn Hawkes (Snaresbrook Crown Court).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Santiago (Philippines) (The Episcopal Church of the Philippines)*

Wed 12 WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Pray for: The Benefice of Aldborough

Aldborough Hatch (St Peter)

Clergy: Kate Lovesey (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Vanessa Cole.

Great Ilford (St John the Evangelist, Seven Kings)

Clergy: Kate Lovesey (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Keziah Jimoh.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Sapele (The Church of the Nigeria [Anglican Communion])*

Thu 13 THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK

Pray for: Aldersbrook (St Gabriel)

Clergy: Martyn Hawkes (AD, V), Mark Kenny (AC).

Barkingside (Holy Trinity)

Clergy: Chris Szejnmann (V), Rosemary Potten (AC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Saskatchewan (The Anglican Church of Canada)*



Support the Appeal

Here are some simple things you can do to help raise funds for The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal 2023.

Help us spread the word

Resources to help you share details of the Lent Appeal are available at the Diocese of Chelmsford website at www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lent-appeal. Downloadable images, graphics and suggested social media copy is also available to help you spread the word about this year's appeal through your social media accounts.

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Barclays Bank
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The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal

Supporting St Andrew's College of Theology and Development in Kabare, Kenya

This year's Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal will be raising funds to support St Andrew's College of Theology and Development in Kabare, Kenya.

The College plays a key role in providing residential training for new clergy and lay leaders for all five of our partner dioceses in Kenya. The College also serves its local community with courses in theology, business and ICT.

Chelmsford Diocese has a long history of supporting the College dating back to the 1980's when we were able to support the construction of the library, which was then named the Chelmsford Library.

More recently, our Lent Appeal in 2019 supported the installation of a gravity-fed freshwater system for the campus, which

was no mean feat as the college stands on the top of a hill! Making use of the reliable water supply, this year's Lent Appeal seeks to raise funds to improve the shower and toilet facilities for students.

The current accommodation blocks are old and have very basic facilities with no hot water.

The college had only nine students when these facilities were built and now there is overwhelming demand with more than one-hundred and fifty students using them.

Through local fundraising efforts, over £3,000 has already been raised for the improvements. The Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent I Appeal is seeking to raise an additional £15,000 for the project.

Commenting on this year's Appeal, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford said: "This year's Lent Appeal will provide an opportunity for people in our Diocese to make an important contribution to the life of St Andrew's Theological College and with that, the Mission and Ministry of the Anglican Church in Kenya.

"St Andrew's College has been a key partner in the relationship with our five partner Dioceses of the Mount Kenya East region. The funds raised through your donations will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of current students and help to attract new students to the college in the future."

Please pray for our partners at St Andrew's College of Theology and Development in Kabare, Kenya and for the success of the Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal this year.